

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

THE WINNERS.

At 2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon the judges in the Pictorial Contest, Messrs. J. K. Twyman and R. D. Hill, examined the various answers sent in and made the awards appearing elsewhere.

The Parthenon, one of Nashville's biggest picture shows, closed its doors Monday.

A special election was called in Todd county Monday for a good roads bond issue of \$190,000.

The National Wholesale Liquor Dealers' Association is holding its annual convention in Louisville this week.

The thirteenth annual banquet of the Athenaeum society will be held at Hotel Latham tonight with covers laid for 90.

The Mayfield Baptist church had 1004 in attendance at Sunday School May 7. The Baptist church, of Paducah, had 980.

The special train upon which Confederate Veterans will go to Birmingham next Monday will pass Hopkinsville at 9:35 a. m.

Boone county voted Monday to issue \$300,000 road bonds to acquire eleven miles of toll gate roads that will be a portion of the Dixie Highway.

Joseph Plunkett, one of the Irishmen executed in Dublin, was married one hour before he was shot, to the sister of another man who was executed a few days before.

President Wilson's mill is grinding slowly but grinding all the same in the Mexican sink. Obregon's latest demand for a withdrawal was met by ordering out 8,000 more troops and Gen. Funston's report that he could find a use for \$150,000.

The sketches of business interests of Hopkinsville, made a feature of the Kentuckian a year or two ago, will be resumed in an early issue with sketch No. 27, dealing with one of the city's newest and very successful enterprises. Watch for it.

Representative W. B. Harvey, of Webster county, "upon the advice of friends" has withdrawn his challenge for a joint debate with Gov. Stanley on "the proceedings of the general assembly." Mr. Harvey doesn't appear to be any too smart himself, but he has some very wise friends, whoever they are.

Prospects for Co. D. to see service in Mexico are bright. All regular soldiers and State troops of three states are on duty and the next calls will be for guards from the other states. With prospects of real fighting, there will be a rush to get into the ranks and all companies will be recruited to war strength.

STAKING ALL ON VERDUN

Germans Continue Supreme Effort, Regardless, of Men's Lives.

DEADLOCK IN BATTLE

Germans Unable to Advance—French Powerless to Expel Them.

London, May 10.—The French and German forces fighting to the northwest of Verdun apparently for the moment are deadlocked, the Germans being unable to advance further and French attempts to expel the invaders from captured positions being unavailing. To the east and northeast of Verdun, where violent infantry attacks and bombardments have characterized the recent fighting, only intermittent cannonading is now going on.

The only infantry engagement reported anywhere along the French front was launched by the Germans against a French trench to the west of Hill 304, northwest of Verdun. The French, however, brought into play their curtain of fire and the Germans were unable to debouch.

The shelling by the Germans of the Russians at the Ikskull bridgehead on the eastern battle line, which has been in progress for many days, still continues. There has been artillery activity on various other sectors of the Russian front, but no infantry maneuvers of importance have been reported.

RUSSIANS MAKE PROGRESS.

The Russians in Armenia, however, have put down with heavy casualties, a stubborn Turk attack, and southeastward, in the region of Mush, driven the Ottoman forces from their defenses in a mountain chain. In addition, the Russians, operating westward from the Persian frontier toward Bagdad have dislodged the Turks from fortified positions and driven them farther westward.

The Gorizia bridgehead and the region around San Martino in the Austro-Italian theater have been heavily bombarded. At San Martino, Vienna asserts that the Italians suffered heavy losses through the explosion of an Austrian mine. Bombardments have featured the fighting on the other sectors of this front.

Dispatches received in Paris from Salonika are to the effect that there has been vigorous artillery activity on the Macedonian front. An Athens dispatch says the Germans and Bulgarians in this region have heavily bombarded the village of Mayada, their shells causing much damage.

RAILROAD IS PROGRESSING.

Semi-official advices from Berlin say that the Turks are rapidly constructing a railroad through the

desert preparatory to another advance on Egypt.

Five batches of sick and wounded British soldiers from Kut-el-Amara, aggregating 1,078 men, have reached the British headquarters on the Tigris. A hospital ship is proceeding to Kut-el-Amara to take away the remainder of the sick and wounded.

EASTERN STAR DRAMATIC FEAT.

The Order of Eastern Star is preparing a dramatic feast for Hopkinsville that promises to be the most enjoyable event that has been given for many years. It is to be an entertainment in three parts, the first to be a suffragette court in the mock trial of a case styled Brown vs. Brown, and Miss Fannie Phelps is to take the part of presiding judge, Mrs. J. T. Wall is to be the prosecuting attorney, and the other parts are to be well sustained by prominent local ladies. This is to be followed by a one act comedy full of hearty laughs, and the last part is to be a handsomely staged minstrel show.

The entire cast in its three parts is to be assumed by local talent for which Hopkinsville is famous, and the entertainment is to be of such proportions as to require 56 people.

It will be at the Tabernacle on the evening of May 19th and the fact that Miss Virginia Williamson, who is so well known as a talented dramatist, is to be the managing director assures an unqualified success from both artistic and financial standpoint. The entire program and the cast of characters will be announced later.

TWO TURNED STATE'S EVIDENCE

In Trial at Madisonville Name Men They Allege Took Part In a Raid.

Madisonville, Ky., May 10.—Sensational evidence was given Tuesday by witnesses for the commonwealth in the cases of W. H. Peterson and Hollie Jackson, men under indictment as a result of a raid of night riders on negroes at Carbondale in the fall of 1914, in which George Long, 9-year-old negro boy, was shot and killed.

Jake Oldham admitting that he had been a member of the night rider organization, turned in the most damaging evidence. He gave direct evidence against the defendants, telling of the meetings held and said he went on one raid himself.

Jim Reynolds, one of the men whipped, said that he recognized both defendants and several others in the crowd that whipped him.

Lonzo Spence, colored, also said he was visited by them and knew a number of the band.

Both defendants attempted alibis, several witnesses testifying for them. Arguments began Tuesday night. The case went to the jury yesterday. Other cases will be called for trial.

Henderson is using oil on the down town streets this year.

CITY ALSO TO PROTEST

Against the Burdensome Tax Raises Improved At Frankfort.

CITY SOLICITOR WILL GO

City Equalization Board Submits a Lengthy Report.

The City Commission met as usual Tuesday and disposed of a good deal of routine business.

One matter was to authorize Judge Jas. Breathitt to go to Frankfort with the other committees appointed to appear May 12 before the Equalization Board to protest against the tentative raises.

The city tax board has completed its work and they submitted a written report on the general character of their work. Their recapitulation of the changes made will be submitted to a later meeting. The report filed by them Tuesday morning is as follows:

"To the Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the City of Hopkinsville:

"Gentlemen—
"We, the undersigned Board of Supervisors in and for the City of Hopkinsville, Ky., would respectfully report:

"That we have carefully examined all lists made and returned by the Assessors, in and for the year 1916. We have considered the property enumerated therein, the location, state of repairs, material and construction of improvements thereon, and have carefully compared same with adjacent property, and to the best of our ability, have placed thereon a fair, equitable and just assessment.

"Several thousand dollars worth of taxable property, we found, not listed for taxation. With the aid of Mr. Everett, one of your Assessors, we have been able to locate and list a great bit of taxable property, both real and personal, not listed.

"Since making the adjustments herein referred to, and since hearing complaints as to raises, adjustments and lists, we would further report in compliance with evidence presented; that in some localities of the resident section of your city, the property appears to be in a most deplorable condition; frog ponds, pools, overflows and marshy ground, ostensibly occasioned by ill-constructed streets and waterways of the city, are presented in evidence in support of unreasonably low lists; the residences and other improvements throughout the city according to the evidence introduced, are in an exceedingly bad state of repair, and in some instances appear to fall down.

"Diamonds, monies, bonds and other personal property seem to

have taken wings and on the 10th day of January, the day of assessment, to have been resting in some foreign clime; it further appears that out of the "More Than a Million" dollars on deposit of which our banks so proudly boasted, but a very few thousand have reached the assessment books of your city. The task to find and list this we recognize as one of the impossible tasks your board must meet.

"Realizing that it is an impossible task to make a perfect adjustment of all taxable property, especially from the lists as given by the taxpayers, the Board of Supervisors take the liberty of recommending to your Honorable body, the necessity of a complete map of the city. A map which will show each block separate and apart, with the number thereon; the number and dimension of each lot or parcel of ground therein; the improvements on each lot, so arranged as to show each and every building thereon. Said map should further show the owner's name, the assessment of the ground and the improvements separately, so that a just, equitable and fair assessment of all property can be made. In our opinion this map would be of great value to your commission. There is a tendency to overlook and underestimate a number of houses and lots where listed as a whole, or where several houses are grouped and listed as one lot, the assessment value appearing a great deal less than it would if considered separately.

"Such a map would enable your assessors and Board of Supervisors to list and assess for taxation every lot and improvement thereon within the limits of the city, which in our opinion is not due under the present system. It would guarantee to your citizens a fairer equalization of the burden of taxes.

"We would further recommend to your honorable body, the establishing beyond question of the lines of your city limits, which in many instances we find in question and unsettled.

"We have labored earnestly, striving to reach an equitable assessment of comparative values, and to the best of our judgment, under our oath of office, we have made such changes, as in our judgment was fair and equitable. We herewith transmit the records of our work and trust that our labors have not been in vain.

"This the 6th day of May, 1916."

"BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
R. T. Stowe,
J. T. Walker,
Odie Davis."
"Attest: C. O. Prowse, Clerk."

ACCUSED OF FORGERY.

Israel Waldeman swore out a warrant Tuesday charging Elder Waters, colored, with uttering a check with F. B. Lacy's name forged to it. Waters was arrested.

SHOT AND MISSED.

J. H. Harrel shot twice at W. S. Sims, a huckster, on Twyman street, Tuesday morning. Harrel was arrested and put under a \$300 bond for shooting at without wounding.

ANOTHER BORDER FIGHT

This Time Seven Americans Killed Several Mexican Bandits.

STATE GUARDS TO FRONT

Cowboys of Three States Rushing to Get Into Army.

Marathon, Tex., May 10.—Capt. Fox of the Texas rangers reported last afternoon to Col. Sibley that seven American soldiers and members of a posse had engaged a small band of Villa bandits across the Rio Grande and had killed several of them. There were no American losses.

THE BORDER SITUATION.

Washington, May 10.—With 8,000 additional troops under orders to leave for the Mexican border, including 4,000 national guardsmen from Arizona, New Mexico and Texas, administration officials feel that immediate necessary steps have been taken to prevent further raiding of American towns by bandits.

Meanwhile the final outcome of the conference at El Paso between Maj. Gen. Scott and Gen. Obregon, the Carranza war minister, is awaited with considerable anxiety.

President Wilson and his cabinet discussed the Mexican situation but the president had authorized the new troop orders before his advisers gathered. Gen. Scott and Gen. Funston recommended early in the day that additional forces be sent to the border. After an exchange of telegrams, Gen. Funston suggested that the national guard from the three states named be called out in addition to the sending of all the remaining regular infantry to join his command. His suggestion was promptly approved and orders dispatched.

PESSIMISTIC OVER OBREGON CONDUCT.

Some members of the cabinet were frankly pessimistic after the meeting over the delay of Gen. Obregon in ratifying the agreement he negotiated with Gen. Scott covering co-operative border operations, including those of Gen. Pershing's expedition. Reports from Mexico City indicated that the agreement had been approved by Gen. Carranza and officials here were at a loss to understand Obregon's action. No word from Gen. Scott came to enlighten them. The American officer was awaiting word from the Carranza war minister, expecting some counter proposals would be forthcoming, although his report did not forecast their probable nature.

Secretary Baker said the question of calling guardsmen from other states into the service was not under im-

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AWARDS IN BUSINESS MEN'S CONTEST NO. 2

FIRST CONTEST APRIL 23, 1914

In the Kentuckian of May 4th, were presented 81 advertisements of responsible Hopkinsville business houses or citizens of the county. In each advertisement there was an engraving which represented the photo of some one member of each firm or company taking part in this contest. Each picture was in the wrong Ad. Contestants were asked to cut out the pictures and place them where they belonged.

FOR SKILL IN SOLVING THIS PUZZLE, THE JUDGES AWARDED PRIZES AS FOLLOWS:

To the person sending in the best prepared and neatest correct list one-half dozen Cabinet photographs by Bowles \$3 and Kentuckian 1 year \$2. Miss Rowena Allen, R. 1, Pembroke, Ky.
To the second best solution, 3 lbs. \$1.00 Candy and Kentuckian 6 months \$1.00 Miss Clara Martin, Hopkinsville
To the third best solution 2 settings Barred Plymouth Rock Eggs \$1.50 a setting Miss Ollie R. Lawson, Hopkinsville
To the four next best solutions, each the Kentuckian one year \$2.00 Mrs. H. W. Linton, Miss Evelyn G. Perkins, Mrs. J. S. Quarles and J. H. Boyd, Hopkinsville
To the four next best solutions, each the Kentuckian six months \$1.00 Miss Bessie Huggins, James McKnight, Johnnie Cannon, Miss Annas M. Boyd, Hopkinsville

RULES OF CONTEST

FIRST—Everybody may participate in this contest except employees of the Kentuckian and their families. All others are invited to compete without money or price.
SECOND—Use blank sheets of paper, silk or card board and paste or pin the two parts of each advertisement together.
THIRD—All answers must be mailed or sent to the Kentuckian office, by noon, Wednesday, May 10, 1916.
FOURTH—Successful contestants will be announced in the Kentuckian Thursday May 11, 1916.
FIFTH—All answers must be addressed to the Contest Department, Kentuckian, Hopkinsville, Ky.

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